

How About a Clean-up and Paint-up Campaign in Ontario?

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RULES ARE FIXED FOR CORN SHOW THIS SEASON

Meeting Held in City Hall Monday in Interest of Annual Contest

EXACT DATE IS NOT SET YET

Only Three Districts This Year But Same Territory Embraced

Instructions to contestants, and rules which will govern the contest, were fixed Monday afternoon when W. R. Shinn, county agriculturist, and A. G. Kingman and E. B. Conklin of the Pomona Grange committee held a meeting to map out the preliminary work for the corn contest to be held this fall. The exact date of the contest has not yet been fixed, and will be taken up later.

Three districts have been decided upon for this year, instead of five. However, the same territory is embraced. The rules have not been changed much from last year, the greatest change being in the per cent allowed for acreage of corn and for the written report. The new rules follow:

To all Contestants of Pomona Corn Contest:

Keep a complete record of the preparation of seed bed, the cost of seed, fertilizer and labor, the receipts from the crop, etc., so that you will have no trouble in filling out the blank spaces at the close of the season. This report is of great importance and should show the actual cost of making the crop, as well as the profits on the acre.

Fill out this report promptly for each operation as it occurs and you will have every item available at the close of the season. We want a report from every contestant even if the yield is small.

The county is divided into three districts, viz: Big Bend-Nyssa, Boulevard-Ontario, and Willow River-Dead Ox Flat. For each district cash prizes of \$50.00, \$25.00 and \$15.00, for first, second and third prizes respectively with a special prize of \$100.00 for best acre record in Malheur county have been assured. Only one cash prize will be awarded to one contestant. There must be at least ten contestants from each district to secure the district prizes. Supplementary prizes of merchandise and farm machinery will be announced later.

The committee is planning a corn carnival which will probably be held at Ontario. Prizes will be awarded at that time. Plans are being perfected to make this carnival truly educational, thoroughly enjoyable and of special interest to farmers.

Rules Governing the Contest.

The following rules will be followed in determining awards in the contest:

1. This is a one acre contest, awards are to be given on the product of an acre of ground which must be in as compact a form as possible.

2. The following score will be used in making awards: Quality, 40 per cent; Quantity, 40 per cent; Written report 10 per cent; Acreage of corn grown by contestant, 10 per cent; (one per cent will be allowed for each acre of corn grown by contestant up to and including ten acres).

3. The ground will be measured and the crop harvested under the supervision of a committee appointed for that purpose. Further particulars will be given before harvest.

4. Each contestant shall exhibit two bushels of corn from his tract as a sample of his product; the quality of his crop will be judged by the sample exhibited. This two bushels exhibited is to become the property of the Pomona Grange to assist in paying expenses.

Build Stand Pipe.
A sixty-foot stand pipe is being built on the pipe line of the Ontario-Nyssa Irrigation Co., commonly known as the "Shoe String Ditch" and will be completed within a few days. About ten men are employed on the work. The stand pipe is being built of steel and wood.

ELEVEN FORDS ARE SOLD THIS SEASON

Eleven Ford cars have been sold in Ontario this season by the Ford agency here. One carload of Fords arrived last week, and have all been sold. Another car load has been ordered from the factory and is expected here about the first of the month. Those who have purchased cars this season are: Nelson P. Grover, Minister Bros., Ben Thomas, Rev. Brown, A. Anexdale, and the Oregon-Western Colonization Co., who have purchased three cars. Out of town buyers were C. M. Crandall of Vale, Henry Fields of Nyssa and Harold Lofton of Ironside.

"UNCLE SAM" MAN LIKES ONTARIO

Collector of Main Post Office in Chicago Would Locate Here

C. R. Barker, collector of the main postoffice of Chicago, is in Ontario this week, and has fallen in love with the country. Mr. Barker is on his annual vacation, and this year routed his trip through Ontario. His ticket calls for a trip on to Portland and Seattle, but Mr. Barker has decided to cut out the coast trip, and will spend all the time his leave of absence will allow in Ontario. At present he is looking around for a location, and says he is coming back to Ontario to locate as soon as he can make arrangements.

E. D. Spencer Dies.

F. D. Spencer, aged 34 years died at the Holy Rosary Hospital Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Spencer was brought from Payette a few days ago and underwent an operation for appendicitis. Peritonitis set in a few hours later.

Those who survive him are a wife who is with her sister here Mrs. Robt. Mahbux, a father, who lives in Fruitland and a brother Fred residing near Payette.

The funeral was held from the Methodist Church at ten o'clock this morning. Rev. Pratt officiated.

MANY SCHOOLS TO BE IN CONTEST

The Eighth Annual Malheur County Declamatory Contest will be held in Vale Saturday night, March 27th.

The schools which have entered for the contest up to the present time are Nyssa, Westfall, White Settlement, Brogan and Vale, and some very interesting declamations will be enjoyed by the big audience that will be in attendance. Ontario will not be in this year.

A. G. Kingman of Owyhee was an Ontario visitor Monday.

Further information regarding the contest can be obtained from any member of the Committee or from the County Agriculturist, Ontario. A. G. KINGMAN, Nyssa, Oregon, FRANK MILLER, Parma, Ida. R. D. E. B. CONKLIN, Ontario, Oregon, Committee.

BIG BEND BRIDGE CONTRACT IS LET

Coast Bridge Company to Erect Structure at Cost of \$24,150

The contract for the construction of the Big Bend bridge across Snake river was let Monday to the Coast Bridge company of Portland, the cost of construction to be \$24,150.00. This was considered a very low bid by the county court, as the estimated cost of the bridge was about \$30,000 and bonds to that amount were voted by the county to pay for the work.

Construction work is expected to start in the near future, and the mix-up on the sale of the bonds, will not in any way interfere with the completion of the bridge, according to county officials.

EMMETT MAY GET NEW COUNTY SEAT

Northern End of Canyon County Idaho is cut off. Election in May.

The Gem county enabling act permitting a vote to be taken on the division of Canyon county for the purpose of forming a new county to be known as Gem out of the northern end of Canyon county and that section of Boise county known as the Squaw valley, will become a law through failure of the chief executive of the state to act upon it within the time limit allowed him—10 days following adjournment of the legislature. It is conceded that creation of the new county will follow when the election is held there this year so that the recent legislature will have created a total of four new counties, making a grand total of 37 in the state and giving to the senate of the next legislature that number of senators. The other new counties are Benewah, Boundary and Teton.

The act creating this county is

A. F. Boyer Says Local Climate is Far The Best

Finds Snow a Foot Deep in Iowa and Nebraska. He Spent Winter in Texas Marketing Apples.

"It is the finest weather I've seen since I left here last fall." This was the expression of A. F. Boyer on returning home Friday from Texas, where he has been all winter disposing of some 6,000 boxes of apples raised on the Boyer fruit ranch last season. He was accompanied by Mrs. Boyer who has been with him all winter.

"This section of the country certainly has a wonderful climate," continued Mr. Boyer. "In Texas we have a cold rain one day, and the next day the sun will shine and the thermometer will run up to about 70 degrees, and a dense steam will raise out of the earth. You can almost see the malaria in the atmosphere. We were in Galveston part of the time, going there first expecting to find a better climate. But it was little better than Houston, and so we finally made our headquarters in Houston."

"The apple market was bad. When I left there ten days ago apples were selling for fifty cents a box. I did not sell any apples for less than \$1.00 per box, which, including freight, means about fifty cents per box f. o. b.

ONTARIO TO HAVE BASE BALL TEAM

Meeting Held and Plans Discussed--Committee is Appointed

Present prospects for baseball in Ontario this season are of the best, and it is very probable that plans will terminate in one of the best ball teams that has ever represented the city. A league including Boise, Nampa, Caldwell, Vale, Payette, Weiser and Ontario is proposed. Several of these towns have already organized, and there is every indication that the plans will be perfected.

A meeting was held last Thursday night in the Commercial club rooms at which time the prospects were talked over, and a committee was appointed to arrange for the finances. This committee consisted of R. W. Swagler, Len Christiansen, Fred Rice, Wilmer Boyer and A. Anexdale.

MASONIC GRAND MASTER COMING

W. C. Bristol Will Visit Three Lodges in Ontario Tomorrow Night

W. C. Bristol, State Grand Master of the Masonic lodge will visit three local Masonic lodges in Ontario tomorrow (Friday) night, when the Vale, Nyssa and Ontario lodges will meet in the local hall. Joint team work in the third degree will be put on, and a banquet will be served. Lodge will be called to order at 7:30 sharp. All visiting brothers are invited to be present.

known as senate bill No. 97, by Hayes. Emmett is named as the county seat. Sixty per cent of the qualified electors within the territory to be formed into the new county must be in favor of its creation. Immediately upon the passage of the act and when the time limit expires for it to become a law, which is tomorrow, the secretary of state is required to

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Furnishes Rooming House.
E. E. McCay of Riverside was in Ontario Monday and while here purchased the furnishings for the new rooming house and hotel which he is establishing at Riverside. Mr. McCay states that Riverside is growing rapidly, and that the little town evidently has a good future.

PAYETTE IS VISITED BY PETTY ROBBERS

The Opera cigar store of Payette was robbed last Thursday night just before midnight of \$37.50 in cash. A stranger was in the store when Mr. Brubaker, the proprietor, locked up. It is believed another man was hidden away when the store was closed up or that the stranger had slipped open the latch on the side door, through which he later entered.

R. M. Hutchins' car was taken last evening from in front of the Methodist church where he was attending services. It was found later in the evening turned over in a ditch on the bench several miles away.

BRIDGE WORKER IS INJURED BY FALL

Foreman C. A. Harshbarger Ealls Twenty-Five Feet And Injures Back

C. A. Harshbarger, foreman of one of the gangs constructing the new steel bridge across the Snake river, was seriously injured Wednesday night when he slipped and fell about twenty-five feet, lighting on his feet. His back was injured by the shock, and it is thought he sustained internal injuries. He was sent to the Oregon Short Line hospital at Salt Lake, on the train leaving here at 6:33 Thursday evening.

The accident occurred just at six o'clock as the crew was going off shift. Harshbarger was coming down from the top of the bridge where he had been working. In falling, it is said he turned over twice in the air, finally landing on his feet. He came here about a week before the accident occurred from Nyssa where he had been a foreman on the new bridge at that place.

His brother, Ben Harshbarger, is foreman of another gang here and has been employed on the Ontario bridge since work started, several weeks ago. Dr. Poague, the local physician for the O. S. L. did not think his injuries would prove fatal, but stated at the present time it was impossible to tell just how bad the internal injuries were.

CIRCUIT COURT IS HELD IN ONTARIO

Circuit court was held in Ontario the first two days of this week, several cases having been heard. Monday the case of the Weiser Land Co. vs. John Bohrer and wife was heard and a decision rendered in favor of the land company. The suit was brought to enforce the specific performance of a contract, in which the land company claimed that certain land should be released from the lien of a mortgage.

Tuesday the case of David Danbar vs. D. Magill, et ux., C. A. Martin, C. E. Cunningham, R. H. De Armond and John Martin, was up for hearing. This case involved a dispute as to the guarantee of payment of several promissory notes.

Mr. Morris Sommers and family of Weiser were here Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Whitworth.

FRUIT GROWERS HOLD MEETINGS IN TWO TOWNS

B. A. Purham Delivers Interesting Talks to Fruit Men

REPRESENTS BIG ASSOCIATION

Gives Valuable Advice as to Manner of Packing and Shipping

B. A. Purham, head salesman of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors Association, with headquarters at Spokane, spoke last Wednesday evening at Payette and Thursday evening at Fruitland. He gave many interesting phases of the business, and the meeting was an open or round table discussion with the purpose of helping the fruitgrower in his work.

The association has been in business but two years and out of a business of over five million dollars only four hundred and eighteen dollars have been lost through crediting, which speaks well for the business management. The association has done business in almost every state in the union, in twenty of the leading cities of Canada and in ten or fifteen foreign countries. Some of the foreign cities were Bristol, Liverpool, Glasgow, Guttenburg, Hamburg and Buenos Ayres.

In enumerating the drawbacks to great success in the business, Mr. Purham gave some valuable advice as to harvesting, packing and shipping. Also the kind of apples to propagate was discussed. In the Idaho-Oregon district, which comprises Malheur county of western and southern Idaho, forty-five per cent of the apples raised can be stored, while fifty per cent must be sold as soon as harvested.

In the Hood River district seventy-nine per cent can be stored while only twenty-one per cent must be sold at once. This gives a better chance for disposing of the crop without overloading the market.

As to harvesting and packing apples, Mr. Purham said that the apples generally are left on the tree too long. Then after they are picked they are generally left out in the sun and are sometimes put in the cooling plant when they are hot. These are all wrong conditions. Apples should be picked as soon as they are ready. The best way to harvest is to pick in the afternoon and haul into the plant in the morning while they are cool. When picked they should be kept in the shade as much as possible. Cooling plants should be kept clean in the day time to exclude the heat and opened at night to admit of fresh air. At one place a cooling plant was filled with apples and the temperature of forty-five degrees. The temperature of forty-five degrees was introduced three days before the heat was reduced to thirty-two degrees. This shows the folly of filling the plant with warm fruit.

When apples are heated after being picked they will not stand up as long as otherwise. Ignoring these rules for packing results in dissatisfaction in shipping. The shippers have no idea of the condition of the fruit when it reaches its destination. And to prove this Mr. Purham related a very interesting account of how one shipper was convinced that fruit, he thought was in fine condition when shipped, was in a very bad state when it reached its destination.

Another phase of the shipping question is that a car of apples moving will go down more in a week than in seven weeks in storage. Also shipping by water is just as easy on the

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